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Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church

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Schedule of Sunday Services

Morning Service (*Keesheryeen & Aravodyan Jham*)

9:10 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (*Soorp Badarak*)

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 13, 2007

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

Mother's Day

Scripture Readings

Acts 20:17-38 (Pg. 128) I John 3:2-6 (Pg. 215)

John 9:39-10:10 (Pg. 94)

Guest Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Father Khoren Kirakosyan

Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin

Dear Friends,

On the occasion of Mother's Day I congratulate all of the mothers of our community and pray that you all be inspired by the example of the greatest mother, St. Mary the Holy Mother of God. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all deceased mothers.

This year we as a diocese are emphasizing the vital connection between church and home. In the home Christian faith, piety and character are developed and nurtured. While typically the mother's role in this process has been stressed, the father's part must never be ignored.

Recently I came across some notes regarding "Christian Character," which I believe would be of help to all members of our parish family, but especially for parents actively involved in raising children.

What is Character?

Character is the stable and distinctive qualities built into an individual's life, which determine his response regardless of circumstances.

The Six Pillars of Character

1. Trustworthiness

Be honest. Don't deceive, cheat or steal. Be reliable. Do what you say you'll do. Have the courage to do the right thing. Build a good reputation. Be loyal. Stand by your family, friends and country.

2. Respect

Treat others with respect. Follow the Golden Rule. Be tolerant of differences. Use good manners, not bad language. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone. Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.

3. Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do. Persevere: keep on trying! Always do your best. Use self-control. Be self-disciplined. Think before you act. Consider the consequences. Be accountable for your choices.

4. Fairness

Play by the rules. Take turns and share. Be open-minded. Listen to others. Don't take advantage of others. Don't blame others carelessly.

5. Caring

Be kind. Be compassionate and show you care. Express gratitude. Forgive others. Help people in need.

6. Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better. Cooperate. Get involved in community affairs. Stay informed. Vote. Be a good neighbor. Obey laws and rules. Respect authority. Protect the environment.

With prayers,
Hayr Simeon

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Response when Kissing the Cross (during the procession):

The **faithful** says:

Յիշեցիր եւ զիս առաջի անմահ գառինն Աստուծոյ:
Hee-shes-cheer yev zeez a-rra-chee an-mah ka-rinn As-doo-dzo.
(Remember me before the immortal Lamb of God.)

The **priest** says:

Յիշեալ լիջիր առաջի անմահ գառինն Աստուծոյ:
Hee-shyal lee-cheer a-rra-chee an-mah ka-rinn As-doo-dzo.
(You shall be remembered before the immortal Lamb of God.)

Response for the Kiss of Peace:

The **giver** says:

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:
Krees-dos ee mech mer hayd-ne-tsav.
(Christ is revealed in our midst.)

The **receiver** says:

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:
Orh-nyal eh hayd-noo-tyoo-nun Krees-do-see.
(Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)

Response when Kissing the Gospel (after the Divine Liturgy):

The faithful says:

Յիշեացէ Տէր զամենայն պատարագս քո:

Hee-shes-tseh Der za-me-nayn ba-da-ra-kus ko.

(May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.)

The priest says:

Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քոմ:

Da-tseh kez Der usd sur-dee koom.

(May the Lord grant to you according to your heart.)

Participating in the Divine Liturgy: Please follow the prayers and hymns of the Divine Liturgy in the books provided in the pews. The front section contains the Armenian Krapar text and modern Armenian translation, while the latter part gives the English transliteration and translation. Page numbers are illuminated at the upper left and right sides of the main altar. Please sing along with any of the hymns which the choir is singing.

Confession and Holy Communion: Those who are prepared to receive Holy Communion may kneel in the center aisle or remain standing at their pew for the group recitation of the confession (p. 48-49). After the absolution please proceed via the central aisle towards the altar in an orderly manner. Two Parish Council members will be present to assist. Please return to your pew via the side aisles.

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CELL PHONES: *We kindly ask that all cell phones be turned off prior to entering the church. Please show your respect to our holy sanctuary and to your fellow worshippers.*

TODAY'S REQUIEMS (Hokehankist):

Requiem Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, Son of God, forbearing and compassionate, have compassion, in your love as our creator, upon the souls of your servants who are at rest, especially upon the souls of your servants and maidservants:

- **GEORGE ZARTARIAN** (42 Year Memorial) - requested by Irene Zartarian; David & Janet Zartarian; Alan & Marilyn Zartarian; Robert Zartarian.

- **GEORGE and MARY MELKONIAN** - requested by Irene Zartarian and Family; Harold Melkonian and Son.

- **JOHN MICKEY KASHMANIAN** (11 Year Memorial) - requested by his Wife Gerry and Family.

- **NOUHIMZAR KRIKORIAN** (16 Year Memorial) - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Azarig Kooloian Sr.

- **MARIAM JERANIAN** (41 Year Memorial, Mother's Day Remembrance) - requested by Harry Jeranian and Family.

- **LOUISE JERANIAN** (19 Year Memorial, Mother's Day Remembrance) - requested by Harry Jeranian; David & Carol Jeranian and Family; Charles & Joyce Dermenjian (MA).

- **AGHAVNE MOURACHIAN** (16 Year Memorial, Mother's Day Remembrance) - requested by Baidzar M. Spirito; Anna Mae Mourachian and Family.

- **ARSHAG DERDERIAN** (31 Year Memorial); **MARY DERDERIAN** (4 Year Memorial) - requested by Mrs. Agnes Cardozo and Family; Hosanna Derderian; Mr. & Mrs. Arshag Derderian Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Derderian; Mr. & Mrs. Terrance Martiesian and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Jason Martiesian and Family.

...for whom we are offering these prayers. Be mindful of them in the great day of the coming of your kingdom. Make them worthy of mercy, of expiation and forgiveness of sins. Glorify them and reckon them with the company of your saints at your right hand. For you are Lord and creator of all, judge of the living and of the dead. And to you is befitting glory, dominion and honor, now and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Guest Celebrant and Preacher - Today we are blessed with the presence of the Reverend Father Khoren Kirakosyan from the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. Der Khoren has traveled to the United States to take part in the Annual Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly.

MAY 14, 2007

There will be a Women's Guild Meeting Monday at 6 p.m.

MAY 15, 2007

Meeting for the 106th Diocesan Assembly Committee, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 16, 2007

Ladies Aid Society will celebrate Mother's Day with a Dinner and Program on Wednesday, May 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Egavian Cultural Center. We will be honoring Mary Serabian, "*Mother of the Year.*" Donation: \$12 per person (checks payable to Ladies Aid). Dinner reservations only by May 11. Please call Sandra Pomfret (942-3913) or Fran, Church Office (272-7712).

MAY 17, 2007

The *Cultural Committee* of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church presents *Meet With The Armenian Professionals - Questions & Answers - JOHN M. HARPOOTIAN, Esquire*. Topic: Estate Planning - Robert Janigian Sr., Moderator - Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Egavian Cultural Center, 70 Jefferson St., Providence, RI - Admission Free - All are welcome to attend!

MAY 18, 2007

Deadline for the July/August Church Newsletter. Please get your articles, notices and announcements, pictures, etc. in to the church office by May 18, 2007.

MAY 20, 2007

The *ACYOA Seniors* will sponsor a *May Breakfast Fund-raiser* on Sunday, May 20 after the Divine Liturgy. Please join us. Money raised will help defray costs for Athletes and Delegates for 2007 Sports Weekend. Adults \$10, Kids under 12, \$5. All you can eat - bring your own Basturma. Donations and Sponsors welcome. Reservations - contact George Vartanian (401-419-1052). A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door. Please call today!

MAY 21, 2007

The Senior Citizens will have a trip to Narragansett on Monday, May 21. Donation: \$2.00 per person for the bus. Lunch on your own at George's of Galilee. Bus departs church at 11 a.m.

MAY 23, 2007

Meeting for the 106th Diocesan Assembly Committee, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 30, 2007

The *Senior Citizens* will sponsor a trip to Connecticut on Wednesday, May 30. For reservations please call Zabel (861-8925).

JUNE 2, 2007

The *Cultural Committee* cordially invites the RI Community to attend *The 13th Annual Children's Talent Show "Reflections of Armenian Youth"* Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. promptly Egavian Cultural Center. *Program Highlights*: Performances by students of our Cultural Committee's very successful Arts Education Classes; featuring, - Nazeli Dance Group - Art Exhibit including Sculpture - Ballroom Dancing Group - Solo Singers -Group Singing - several musical instruments, and more! Let us encourage our talented young people with a large attendance! Any youngsters wishing to participate in the Talent Show are urged to contact Maestro Konstantin Petrossian or Janna Guegamian at 861-3573 by May 27. This Talent Show is open to the youth of the entire RI Armenian Community. Donation: \$5.00 at the door, Children under 16 no charge.

JUNE 9, 2007

Strawberry Festival - The Women's Guild is gratefully accepting monetary donations to help defray the cost of the Strawberry Festival on June 9 (also donations of items for gift baskets). Please call Zita Butler (728-8015) or the Church Office (272-7712).

JUNE 24, 2007

Save the date! June 24, 2007 for our *Annual Picnic*. Watch for future notices and information. Your support of our Leg of Lamb Drive and Raffle will be greatly appreciated!

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The ARMENIAN SAINTS Men's Softball Team is looking for a statistician to score all home and away games in the Christian Softball League. Anyone who has experience in scoring games is welcome, please contact Steve Megrdichian @ 464-9004. The Saints Softball team has won its first 2 games of the season and plays each Monday night in different parks across Rhode Island. You may visit the web site at <www.christiansoftballassociation.org> for further details about the league. Our next game is on 5/14 against the Greater Rhode Island Baptist Church of Johnston @ Fish Hill Field in Coventry.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR - A new outreach project in response to our Lord's command (Matthew 22:39) and our commitment to the *"Year of Church and Home: One in the Spirit."* Special bins have been placed at all church entrances in order to collect non-perishable food items. This will be an ongoing project. Parishioners are encouraged to bring one or more items each Sunday or at other times of the week. This is an excellent opportunity to put our faith into action. Food donations will be forwarded to Mary House Food Pantry, the outreach ministry of St. Patrick's Church. For more info. call Gary Nahabedian 580-8123 or Joyce Avedisian 724-3978. * *Fact - of all children in Providence under 18 years old, 43% fall below the poverty level.*

WISH LIST: We are seeking a donor to purchase a new safe for the church. Approximate cost is \$1500. Please call the church office 272-7712 if you are interested in contributing for this necessary item.

MILITARY OUTREACH - The Diocese of the Armenian Church wishes to reach out to Armenians serving in the military, particularly those who are in unstable areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan; also to those who have recently completed their active duty. Please forward the name, military addresses and e-mail address of any Armenian military whom you are aware of to: <office@stsahmes.org> or forward the information to the church office.

PARISH MEMBER DUES - Following the decision of the February 19, 2006 Parish Assembly, membership dues for the year 2007 and moving forward is \$150 for general membership and \$100 for seniors and full-time students. Those unable to pay the full dues may confidentially approach Hayr Soorp to explain their situation. Parishioners are strongly encouraged to contribute beyond the minimum dues as part of the *“Stewardship Program.”*

HOME BLESSINGS - One of the major goals of this year’s diocesan theme, *“Church and Home: One in the Spirit”* is to encourage the faithful to have their homes blessed. Please consider inviting Hayr Simeon to bless your home according to the tradition of the Armenian Church. There is no requirement to offer a meal nor present a gift to the priest. Please have a piece of bread, dish of salt and glass of water available for the blessing. Call 272-7712 to schedule a visit.

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - The Diocesan Department of Youth and Education and the ACYOA invite College Students (completed 2 yrs. of college), Young Adults, and Church School Teachers on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem - August 5 - 14. Cost is \$1,998 per person (double occupancy). Deadline is May 8. For information call: 212-686-0710. The pilgrimage will be led by Father Mardiros Chevian.

SUMMER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Conferences at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary: 2007 Summer Conference Dates - Post High School A: June 11-16; Deacons’ Training and Liturgical Music: June 25 - July 3; High School A: July 6-14; High School B: July 17-25; High School C: July 28 - August 5; Junior High School: August 7-11; Post High School B: August 13-19. Applications will be available on the St. Nersess Seminary website in the near future.(<http://www.stnersess.edu/index.php>)

At the Ararat Center: St. Vartan Camp - Session A (June 24- July 7), Session A1 (June 24-30); Session B (July 8-21), Session B1 (July 8-14); Session C (July 22-Aug 4), Session C1 (July 22-28), Session C2 (July 29-August 4). For more information, please call the Church Office. Scholarships are available. There are a number of paid camp staff positions available at this time. Please call the church office or visit their website for more information or an application: <http://www.armenianchurch.net/families/programs/vartancamp.html>

“GLORIA IN EXCELSIS” CD - Special price - only \$10. Our Junior Choir & the Narek Bell Choir of St. Mary Church, Washington, D.C. joined forces for this unforgettable recording of Armenian spiritual music. Songs on the CD are performed by the combined choir, as well as some unique features by the ringing sound of the Narek Bell Choir. You may purchase the CD from the Church office, 272-7712. Please support our Junior Choir.

CHURCH LIBRARY - Library Hours: Sundays following church services until 1:30 p.m., and by appointment only by calling the church secretary at 272-7712, who will get you in touch with a member of the Library Committee. In the glass display case outside the library there are several books, tapes, shirts, emblems, etc. for sale. Stop by and take a look.

CHILDREN’S & JUNIOR CHOIRS - We invite your children and grandchildren to learn how to read music, religious hymns, popular Armenian Songs, participate in Divine Liturgy first Sunday of each month. Open for all ages 6 through 16, rehearsals at the Egavian Cultural Center. Please call the Church Office (272-7712) or Maestro Petrossian at 861-3573 to sign up your child.

SENIOR CITIZENS - Come join us every Monday (weather permitting, excluding Holidays). Have fun with your friends and neighbors, and enjoy with us “coffee and....”

COFFEE HOUR - Please consider sponsoring a **Coffee Fellowship** on the occasion of a Hokehankist (in memory of a loved one), a happy occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) or to provide a wonderful service for our church. Contact Fran, the church secretary, to arrange a date (272-7712).

ARMENIAN RADIO HOUR - Now heard on Sundays at 9 a.m.- 10 a.m. on WARL 1320 A.M.

ARDZAGANG (Echo)-Armenian Television Program - Statewide Cable Interconnect Channel 13 (A): is broadcast on Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2007

- 14 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Women's Guild Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Cultural Committee Meeting 7 p.m.
- 15 Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
Meeting for 106th Diocesan Assembly, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Ladies Aid Mother's Day Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.
- 17 **Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**
Cultural Committee - Meet with Armenian Professionals -
John M. Harpootian, Esq. - Topic: Estate Planning
- 18 Newsletter Deadline (July / August 2007 Issue)
Junior Choir & Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Arts Education 10:30 a.m.
- 20 ACYOA Sr. May Breakfast after Divine Liturgy
ACYOA Jrs. Meeting, 5-8 p.m.
- 21 Senior Citizens, 10am, Trip to Narragansett leaving 11 a.m.
- 22 Parish Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Meeting for 106th Diocesan Assembly, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Junior Choir & Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Arts Education 10:30 a.m.
- 27 **Pentecost Sunday**
- 28 Memorial Day, Office Closed
- 30 Senior Citizens Trip to Connecticut

JUNE 2007

- 2 Cultural Committee Talent Show
- 7 Cultural Committee - Meet with Armenian Professionals -
Edward Hamanjian, 7 p.m.
- 9 Women's Guild Strawberry Festival 12 p.m.
- 10 **Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin**
Church School Closing Ceremonies
- 12 Parish Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Annual Church Picnic
- 26 Parish Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Cultural Committee - Cafe Night